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Alex's funeral arrangements announced

DETAILS of arrangements for the funeral of teenage murder victim Alex Davies have been announced in an emotional post on social media by one of his closest friends on behalf of the family.

The popular shop worker and railway enthusiast from Skelmersdale was found dead in a wooded area off Parbold Hill on Wednesday, May 1.

Alex Davies

Now the 18-year-old's friend, Leon Kamel, has posted details of the funeral on Facebook.

He wrote: "Just wanted to thank all of you for the continued support and intentions for Alex and the family and post this on behalf of Alex's mum Bev, his brother Adam and the family.

"The support and kind wishes from everyone truly means so much to us. Time is a healer, but somehow it seems to be getting harder as the days go on. But I thought I'd just like to share arrangements which have been made regarding Alex's funeral.

"Alex's funeral will take place at Christ Church in Newburgh on Friday, June 7. This will be followed by a service at West Lancashire Crematorium which is for Alex's close family members and friends.

"Afterwards, we hope you could attend The Miners Peg restaurant to fondly remember Alex. Refreshments will be available and we hope it'll be a time to reflect on Alex's remarkable life and share memories old and new and all the good times spent with him.

"Times for the service will follow shortly.

"No flowers please, but if desired, donations will be greatly appreciated towards any of the following: Crohns and Colitis UK; Alder Hey Children's Hospital; and the British Heart Foundation, on request of the family.

"I just want to thank you once again, for all the support that you have shown me and Alex's family. Together, we have the strength to move mountains and I'm sure Alex is proud of every single one of us for what we have done and achieved together in his name.

"I still can't comprehend my life without my best friend, but I will always have such fond memories and can reflect on the good times which I will cherish forever."

A 17-year-old from Chorley, charged with Alex's murder, was remanded in custody at Preston Crown Court on Wednesday, May 8 and is due to enter a plea at the same court on Monday, July 15. A provisional trial date has been set for Thursday, October 24.

POLICE ENFORCE SECTION 60 ORDER AFTER KNIFE INCIDENT

Teen pair suspected targeted victims of gang-related attack

Report by **Henry James**

POLICE put a Section 60 stop and search order in place in Skelmersdale after a knife incident in Irwell in which two teenagers were the victims of what is believed to have been a targeted attack on Sunday night.

The order, which gives officers the powers to search people or vehicles without suspicion in an area where they believe violence could take place, was in force from 5pm on Monday, May 27 until 5am on Tuesday, May 28 covering the Birch Green, Elmers Green, Digmoor and central areas of the town.

It followed the incident - thought to be gang-related - in which a 17-year-old suffered numerous stab wounds, while an 18-year-old received what were described as minor injuries.

Officers though sought to reassure the public.

A police spokesman posted on social media: "We hope that this action does not overly concern you; it's not about targeting people, it is about making sure we do all we can to keep you and where you live safe, whilst offering you reassurance and maintaining a presence in the area.

"We think that Sunday's attack was targeted and in relation to a dispute between two groups who are known to each other.

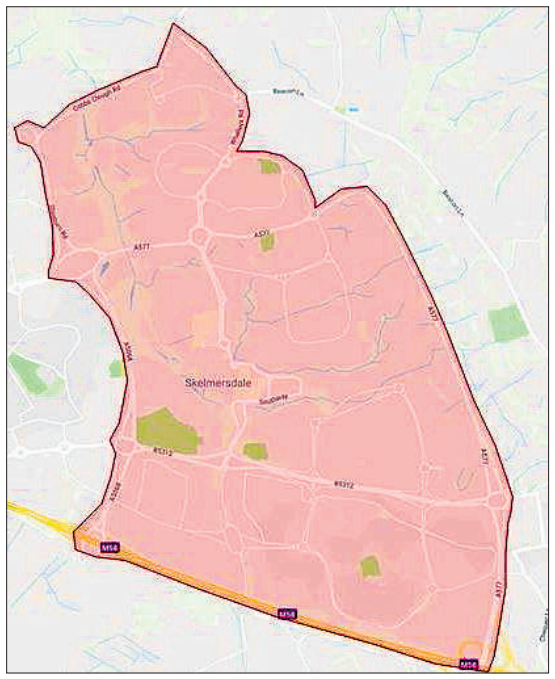
"We are working on finding who was responsible. We do not believe there is a threat to the wider public and would advise you to carry on with your plans as normal.

"The 17-year-old boy suffered a number of stab wounds, however, he is in a stable condition and receiving treatment in hospital. His injuries aren't thought to be life threatening.

"The 18-year-old man received minor injuries.

"If you know anything that you think may help our investigation, it is important that you please call us on 101 quoting incident reference 1459 of May 26th.

"Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation."



The area where Section 60 powers were put in place.

Meanwhile, on Friday, May 24 after a "proactive" stop by #Team3 IR officers, a suspicious vehicle was stopped in the Skelmersdale area.

Officers found two knives and a Taser that was disguised as a torch. Both of the occupants were arrested and taken into custody.

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Award for pioneer pit pond project researcher

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE researcher behind a pioneering nature project to restore overgrown marl pit ponds in Halsall and encourage wildlife to return has been honoured for her work.

Helen Greaves from Burscough has been working in conjunction with natural history group, West Lancashire Wildlife, Edge Hill University, and local farmer Chris Molyneux on the scheme to raise awareness of the historic marl pits and demonstrate the benefit of pond restoration to wildlife in farmland.

The project is linked to the 'Great Twin Pond Dig' which is comparing the ponds in Lancashire to similar ones in Norfolk.

The Champion recently reported how Lancashire Environment Fund (LEF) was so pleased to learn that wildlife was returning to the sites that it made a £10,500 grant towards the project to pay for signs, leaflets and seating to make the ponds accessible to the public.

Now Helen, PhD student, has been honoured for her work by winning Student Engagement Award at University College London's Provost's Public Engagement Awards 2019, which recognise the work of those who make the university's research and teaching open to the wider world.

Helen receiving her award from UCL president and provost, Professor Michael Arthur.

Former Burscough Priory student, Helen, said: "I am thrilled to receive the award on behalf of the UCL Pond Restoration Research Group, the Norfolk Ponds Project and all the fantastic farmers in Lancashire and Norfolk that we work with.

Benefits

"UCL is often in the news for such as medical research which will be employed by the NHS and private medical sectors.

"However, biodiversity/wildlife conservation is not valued as highly, even though it provides many benefits, including ecosystem services, and typically relies on charitable funding for work to be undertaken."

Following our report on the restoration project, a reader contacted the Champion to say that older residents of Halsall would recall the drowning of two lads at one of the ponds and said that safety needed to be looked at.

Helen said she had not heard of any drownings when speaking to local people but sought to reassure the public that public safety is an important part of their plans.

She is also keen to ask whether readers have any memories of the marl pond pits from when they were children and in particular if anyone recalls fishing for crucian carp there.

Anyone with information or any landowners seeking advice about restoring ponds can get details by emailing geog.ponds@ucl.ac.uk.

Members of the public will also have a chance to trial the new walking route around the ponds at Molyneux Kale Farm, Cut Lane, Halsall, on Open Farm Sunday, June 9.

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MP's staff praised for 'bravery' in face of terror threat

Former communications officer says colleagues showed "exemplary professionalism and calm"

Report by **Henry James**

A COMMUNICATIONS officer working in Rosie Cooper's Ormskirk constituency office at the time the foiled Jack Renshaw plot to kill the MP came to light has spoken out to praise the bravery of her staff.

Neo-Nazi Jack Renshaw was this month jailed for life and must serve a minimum term of 20 years.

George Evans-Jones, 24, from Ormskirk, worked at the office for 10 months and added colleagues continued in their jobs with "exemplary professionalism and calm" despite being made aware of Renshaw's threat.

Mr Evans-Jones said: "I was lucky to have shared my time there with such people.

"The extreme bravery of my colleagues needs to be noted. It is entirely correct that much of the focus has been on the two proposed victims of the attack - Rosie Cooper and Police officer Victoria Henderson, but the MPs staff were very much targets for the attack, too.

"The bravery of my colleagues ought to be recorded and commended. A huge part of our jobs was to be out in the community unsupervised on a near-daily basis representing the Member, especially when she is based in Westminster four days a week.

George Evans-Jones

"When we were not out in the constituency, we were based in the office - the proposed location for Jack Renshaw's attack. It is our responsibility to be the first point of contact for any visitors, whatever their motives. We would have been the first people he encountered should that attack have gone ahead.

"One of us would have been the first person he saw while he carried a machete. Goodness knows how easily he would have cleared us out of the way to get to his main target."

Ms Cooper's staff were told of Renshaw's intentions after he had been caught by police and Mr Evans-Jones added: "We were concerned about the threat, of course we were. We had all answered the constituency door to people who we wanted to protect from the MP. However we had not dealt with anyone who posed a physical threat."

Police added another security alarm to the Ormskirk offices, installed bomb proof windows and gave everyone personal alarm systems after Renshaw's threats.

The MP's former communications officer went onto outline how MPs can keep safe when dealing with the public. He commented: "The MP's interaction with the public is quite fluid and it may need to move to a situation where meetings are pre-arranged."

And Mr Evans-Jones welcomed Renshaw's life sentence and added: "I think what my life will be like in 20 years time and I think that it is right that Renshaw has been denied the chance to live some of the best years of his life. His unacceptable threats were very close to becoming a reality and he needs to be denied space in our society."

The former Horseshoe Inn in Liverpool Road.

Proposal to demolish disused pub rejected

PLANS to demolish the disused Horseshoe Inn in Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale have been rejected by West Lancs Council's planning committee.

The former pub has been up for sale since it closed in February, 2017.

Since then it has been subjected to break-ins and badly vandalised and damaged with important internal items stolen.

The Champion reported on the plans last month when the design and access statement for the application stated: "In its present state it is considered regrettable that the demolition of the pub is the way forward.

"This will enable the site in the future to be developed for market housing or another use subject to agreement with the local planning authority."

However the borough council has blocked the plan.

A council report explained: "The submission documentation fails to demonstrate that the development would not cause harm to protected species or their habitat and therefore the proposal fails to meet the requirements of Policy EN2 in the West Lancashire Local Plan (2012-2027) Development Plan Document.

"The proposal fails to comply with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework and policy EN4 of the West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027 DPD in that the submission fails to adequately assess the significance of the non-designated heritage asset and the impact of its loss on the character of the area."

The proposal was to demolish the building and submit in the future a new-build residential proposal for planning permission.

Plans to build two houses adjacent to the pub have recently been passed.

Community urged to support Tanhouse Big Lunch initiative

TANHOUSE Community Centre is holding an event to tie in with the national Big Lunch initiative.

This will be held on Saturday, June 1 from 11am to 4pm and organisers are asking residents to get behind the scheme.

The event is being organised by Birchwood Centre and the Birchwood Junk Food Cafe with support from the Tanhouse Community Enterprise.

The police and the fire service will be at the event and there will also be activities and games, while the Junk Food Cafe will be holding a BBQ.

One of the organisers, David Scott, said: "This is the first time this event has been run in Skelmersdale and its aim is to bring the community together. We hope this could be the start of something.

"It is for all ages and it is being held to reduce social isolation and social exclusion for residents. We hope it is something that people will get behind and support Tanhouse.

"We have been canvassing the area and the feedback has been positive."

The Big Lunch is about millions of people, "getting together to share food, have fun and get to know each other better."

The Junk Food Cafe, which is situated in the Tanhouse Community Centre in Ennerdale, uses food that would otherwise be wasted converting it into home-cooked meals where people can eat on a 'pay as you feel' basis in money, time or skills.

The cafe is open on Wednesdays from noon to 1pm.

Tesco's in Burscough, Marks and Spencer in Ormskirk and Lidl in Standish have all donated the food as part of their food waste reduction programme.

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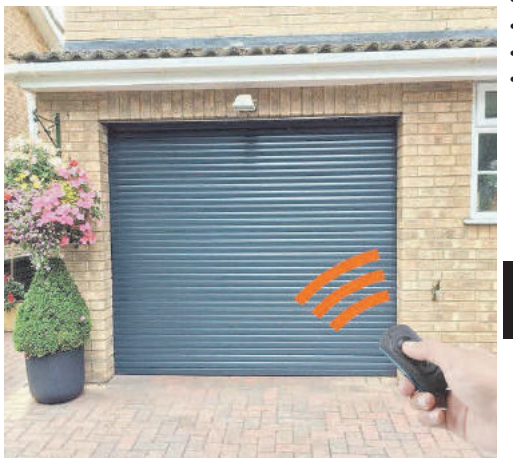

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Council set to crack down on owners who abandon vehicles

£200 on-the-spot fines to be introduced from June 3

OWNERS who abandon their vehicles in West Lancashire are set to face £200 on-the-spot fixed penalties from the borough council.

By law the local authority has a duty to remove abandoned vehicles from open spaces and roads (including private roads).

The council says it usually responds to around 300 complaints about such vehicles each year.

And although not all of the vehicles turn out to be abandoned, when staff find a genuine abandoned vehicle they must remove it which incurs a cost to the council.

The authority is trying to recover some of this cost and will now be issuing a fixed penalty notice of £200 to anyone who abandons a vehicle.

The penalty will be introduced from Monday, June 3. If owners don't pay it they may face further legal action and end up paying a much larger bill.

Councillor Kevin Wright, the council's portfolio holder for health and community safety, said: "We recognise that people who abandon their vehicles are acting very irresponsibly. These vehicles can be dangerous and provide a real hazard for residents. Responsibility needs to be taken to dispose of unwanted vehicles correctly and where this doesn't happen fixed penalty notices will be issued."

West Lancs Council is to start issuing fixed penalties to remove abandoned cars.

The council will consider a vehicle is abandoned if at least one of the following applies:

- It has no keeper on DVLA's database and is untaxed.
- The vehicle is stationary for a significant amount of time.
- It is significantly damaged, run down or unroadworthy - for example, has flat tyres, missing wheels or broken windows.
- It has been burned out.
- A number plate is missing.

The council can legally enter land (at a reasonable time) to investigate and remove abandoned vehicles.

If a vehicle is only fit to be destroyed or has no number plates or is not taxed, it can be disposed of immediately. Otherwise, the council will attempt to find the owner of the vehicle and give them seven days to remove it or claim it.

If no owner can be found or the vehicle is not moved or claimed in this time, it will be disposed of by the council.

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Sewing Rooms launching wellbeing initiative for new and expectant mums

Report by **Henry James**

Growing Strong project will start with nature walks to music designed to help participants de-stress and relax

THE Sewing Rooms social enterprise based at Gladden Place, West Gillibrands, is launching a free wellbeing initiative for expectant and new mums.

The Growing Strong project is supported by Well Skelmersdale and has a number of innovative programmes for expectant and new mums to participate in, starting with Biophilia Walks.

Paula Gamester of the Sewing Rooms explained: "Biophilia Walks are designed to help expectant and new mothers feel good and function well. By utilising silent disco headphone technology, the Growing Strong team have designed and developed nature walks around Skelmersdale to music.

"These walks offer participants the opportunity to get active, meet a network of other local mums and connect with their environment in a new way so that they can function well for themselves and their children."

Created with the five steps to wellbeing at their core, the Biophilia Walks offer participants a chance to get outside regularly in their local area in a safe, fun and relaxing way.

Michelle Parkinson, who has planned and leads the walks said: "Biophilia is a great way to get out and get revitalised. The music is a huge part of the experience as it has all been curated to de-stress, uplift and refresh the women involved. It's a unique way to get active and connect with the people and places in Skelmersdale, I'm so excited to get started!"

The five steps to wellbeing are offered by the NHS as 'an evidence based' strategy to improve mental wellbeing. By making small, positive changes to our daily routines, it is possible to 'feel happier, more positive and able to get the best from life.' (www.nhs.uk).

Scheduled

This initiative is free for all participants and each walk will be an hour long. it starts on Saturday, June 8 and is scheduled to run until the end of October.

The walks will be held in all weather so participants are asked to dress appropriately for the weather. Waterproof ponchos will be provided to all participants, courtesy of The Sewing Rooms, to protect against any rain.

Groups will meet at Skelmersdale Library in Southway every Saturday and Wednesday, with walks leaving at 10.30am and 12.30pm on both days.

Walks will be split into different groups as follows:

Wednesdays at 10.30am will be a group for mums with prams. The walks and music are designed to get everyone out and active.

Wednesdays at 12.30pm will be a group for 'baby-wearing' mums. These walks and music are both designed to allow participants to relax and connect with their environment and babies.

Saturdays at 10.30am are for mums with prams again, aimed at getting out and getting active.

Saturdays at 12.30pm are reserved for pregnant mums. The walk and music are designed to help expectant mums get active and de-stress while building a vital network of new mothers in their area.

Light refreshments will be available in Skelmersdale Library for all participants in between walks to give all the groups a chance to chat and get to know one another.

For more information contact facebook.com/Growing-Strong-Skelmersdale-450325339049449 ; or Paula at The Sewing Rooms on 01695 550772.

Skem company reports rise in calls for recycling service as businesses bid to go plastic-free

BOSSES at a Skelmersdale-based online provider of workplace products and services say they have seen an increase in enquiries for its waste management and recycling solutions as businesses bid to go plastic-free.

Direct365, based at the Oasis Business Park in Prescott Road, East Pimbo, works with businesses across the UK providing different services, including waste management, workplace safety, washroom hygiene and products and supplies.

But with the drive to eliminate all avoidable plastic waste the company has reported an upsurge of interest in its Dry Mixed Recycling (DMR) service.

DMR is a way of disposing of clean and uncontaminated recyclable materials without having to directly separate waste. It is seen as more cost-effective for businesses as it is cheaper than sending waste to landfill sites.

Managing director at Direct365, Kathryn Skinner, said: "More than 700,000 plastics bottles are littered in the UK every single day and, of all plastic waste just 32% is being recycled.

"There is great focus on the impact plastic waste is on having on our planet and at Direct365 we're committed to helping businesses recycle more and reduce the amount of plastic packaging used.

"In recent months we've seen an increase in demand for waste management and in particular our Dry Mixed Recycling (DMR) service as businesses prepare to meet the target of the UK being plastic-free by 2042."

The veterans pictured during their visit to the care home in Wallasey with the Laurel and Hardy lookalikes.

Veterans' group take their military memorabilia display 'across the water'

MEMBERS of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association took their memorabilia roadshow 'across the water' when they paid a visit to the Marine View Lodge care home in Wallasey.

The trip to the facility, which offers both residential and nursing care for people with all forms of dementia, was the latest venture as part of the veterans' work in the community.

Chairman Alan Lewis, vice-chairman Jimmy Matthew, president Peggy Nind, and armed forces champion Billy Duncan made up the association party, along with Scots Piper, Bob Wilson.

Alan Lewis said: "The veterans, who have been trained as Dementia Friends, had a great visit to Marine View Lodge meeting with managers, staff and the people who live in the facility.

"We took our memorabilia and wore re-enactment uniforms while interacting with the residents - as well having photos taken with Laurel and Hardy lookalikes who were there on the day.

"Most of the memorabilia has been donated to the association for our visits to care homes in West Lancashire and further afield."

Next big date for the association is a dinner on Thursday, June 6 to celebrate the start of the D-Day landings.

This will be held at the Evermoor Hub Community Centre in Digmoor from 6.15 to 10.30pm and tickets are priced at £10 per head. For more information contact Alan Lewis on 07939 660048.

Meanwhile the veterans are arranging a Dementia Friends training day at the Buffs in Ormskirk Road, Digmoor on Sunday, June 9 from 3 to 4pm.

This will be run by Joe Sherville, who is a Dementia Friends Champion, and other veterans or family members who would like to attend the training sessions are welcome.

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Local historian bidding to 'bag' cash to supply books for care home residents with dementia

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A LOCAL history buff is hoping to enlist public support to bag a cash boost for a project to supply books to local care homes for residents with dementia.

Michael Dawson, founder of the Images of Burscough and the Surrounding Areas group, is in the running for one of three cash awards available under the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme at the supermarket giant's Burscough Bridge branch.

If successful in winning one of the three amounts - £1,000, £2,000 or £4,000 - he aims to use the money to produce and distribute copies of his seven books and booklets on local history, to care homes in West Lancashire.

The books contain lots of old photos from the area and are useful in helping residents living with dementia to reminisce and to start conversations.

Customers at the store are invited to vote for one of three worthy causes - the others are Lancashire Wildlife and Burscough Heritage Group - using tokens which they receive when shopping.

The deadline for voting is Sunday, June 30.

Burscough resident Amanda Boult, who works for Alzheimer's Society and who volunteers with West Lancs Dementia Friendly Community, got in touch with Michael after seeing the scheme and offered to help distribute the books when they are produced.

She said: "In my work for the Alzheimer's Society we find that picture books are really good for reminiscing. It's nice for people to look at pictures of places that they are familiar with, but also it's really good if somebody is not so communicative or can't place where they are at that moment in time, to be able to connect with them in some way by looking at something that might trigger a memory,

"So having these books about the local area will be really good for people who have lived all their lives here."

Amanda added that the books would be good for staff at care homes and for visiting family members to use.

Michael, who will be helped by his partner Debra Baldwin, said they are hoping to be awarded at least £2,000 which would enable them to supply books for at least 25 care homes.

Michael Dawson with Amanda Boult (left) and partner Debra Baldwin and copies of his books and booklets on local history.

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Store recruits primary pupils to help fight against plastic waste

Report by **Henry James**

THE Asda store in Skelmersdale is inviting the town's primary schoolchildren to become 'plastic investigators' and help the fight against plastic waste.

As part of a tie-up with the National Schools Partnership, pupils are being invited to take part in a series of interactive activities to learn about plastic use and recycling, including a tour of their local Asda store with their community champion, in a bid to encourage them to use less and recycle more plastic.

The activity is part of Asda's commitment to use less and recycle more plastic.

In March, the supermarket group announced it had removed 6,500 tonnes of plastic packaging from its own brand products in 12 months. It also plans to make all of its packaging 100% recyclable by 2025.

The teaching materials, which have been endorsed by WRAP, a resource efficiency organisation, and Leeds Beckett University, provide facts about plastic, fun activities and a poster competition for the pupils to take part in.

'Criticial role'

Community champion at Asda Skelmersdale, Amanda Hogarth, said: "As well as using less and recycling more plastic ourselves, we want to help our communities to do the same.

"Learning about different types of material and how to recycle them at a young age will help create a lifelong habit and ensure we look after our communities for generations to come."

David Moon, head of business collaboration at WRAP, said: "Education plays a critical role in providing citizens with the confidence and ability to recycle more material, more effectively.

"WRAP welcomes Asda's activities to inspire local communities and future generations so that they can contribute to a world where resources are used sustainably."

The poster competition, which will select regional winners as well as three national winners, aims to encourage pupils to think innovatively about finding solutions to the problem of plastic from what they've learned in class and store.

Winners will be announced in September and prizes include Asda vouchers for individual winners and three cash prizes for the schools of the national winners.

PE teacher takes the plunge to raise funds for school sports kits

A PE teacher at a Skelmersdale school is tackling her own sporting challenges to raise money for new sports kits for pupils.

For the last two years, Amy Forster has been aiming to raise the profile of sport at Brookfield Park Primary School.

She believes the children have benefited enormously from greater involvement with sport and to reward their efforts she decided to raise funds to buy new kits for when they compete against other schools.

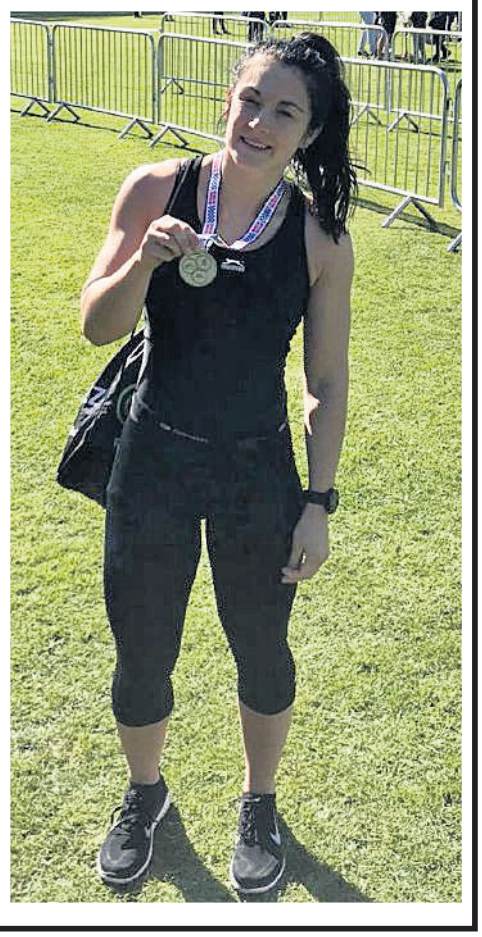
Amy said: "They have the idea but not the gear. Due to a lack of funding the children have not had new kits for many years and the current ones are falling apart and shrinking wash by wash."

Setting herself the target of raising £500, Amy has already taken part in the Wilmslow Triathlon where she had to complete a 500m swim, a 25km bike ride and a 7km run and finished a very creditable fifth in her age group (25 to 29).

And her next challenge is the Great North Swim - a two-mile swim across Lake Windermere on Sunday, June 9.

To date she is more than halfway to her target, having raised £305 and she is hoping to attract more support to help her achieve her aim.

Anyone who would like to sponsor Amy is asked to visit www.justgiving.com and search Amy Forster.



● RIGHT: Teacher Amy Forster displays her medal for successfully completing the Wilmslow Triathlon to raise funds for her school's sports teams.

Engineering company wins major contracts for offshore solutions

TRELLEBORG Offshore UK, which has a base at Stanley Way, Skelmersdale, has won three major contracts.

The deals are for drilling riser buoyancy and associated riser protection that will be manufactured across two of the company's facilities in Skelmersdale and Brazil.

Antony Croston, business group director at Trelleborg's offshore operation in Houston, Texas, said: "We have almost completed the relocation of our manufacturing operations from Houston to Skelmersdale.

"I'm delighted to see the intended synergies have come to fruition, which has resulted in Trelleborg winning these orders in an extremely competitive market. Since we started commissioning our facility in late 2018, we have secured five drilling riser buoyancy orders, two of which include our helical groove technology for enhanced performance in harsh environments."

Students' tasty treats serve up a cash boost for charities

PICTURED above are some of the students at Midstream (West Lancs') Pathways to Adulthood programme in Skelmersdale who have raised more than £1,100 for two good causes as part of their work experience.

Every Tuesday morning the students from the facility in Penrose Place, West Pimbo, take freshly-baked cakes to sell at St James' Primary School in Skelmersdale and St James' Church where the local ladies' Tai Chi group meet after their session.

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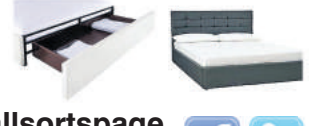

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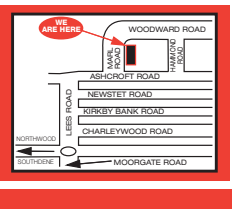

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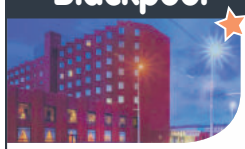

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Adam banks £5,660 for hospice with marathon effort in memory of his gran

by Danielle Thompson

Adam Goldfarb and members of his family with his cheque for Queenscourt Hospice.

A BANKING consultant from Tarleton raised thousands of pounds for Queenscourt Hospice in memory of his late, beloved grandma by completing a marathon - 10 years after he last did any 'serious' running!

24-year-old Adam Goldfarb hadn't run since he was a schoolboy but after his grandma, Carole Anne Moore, also from Tarleton, passed away after a short, 15-day battle with cancer aged 73 in August 2018, he took up the sport again to train for the 26-mile challenge in her memory.

And his efforts paid off when he completed the Blackpool marathon raising a total of £5,660 for the hospice in Kew which cares for patients from across West Lancashire, Southport and Formby with life-limiting conditions.

Adam's proud mum, Michelle said: "My mother, Carole, had always been a fit as a fiddle so it was a terrible shock to the family when she was diagnosed with cancer and then passed away after just 15 days.

"And although, sadly, she didn't make it to Queenscourt Hospice, she was helped by Queenscourt nurses who came to the hospital to help her with pain medication in her last days.

"They were brilliant and made such a difference and Adam vowed after she passed away to do a marathon in her memory to raise funds for Queenscourt to give something back.

"He trained so hard, he lost two-and-a-half stone and on the day a big group of friends and family went along to support him, wearing special T-shirts we had printed with pictures of my mum on.

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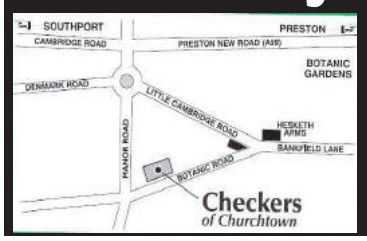

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Skem retirement development strikes gold in national awards scheme

A RETIREMENT housing development in Skelmersdale has struck 'gold' in a national awards scheme.

Anchor Hanover's Thanet scheme, situated just off Halfmile Island and near to Tawd Valley Park, won a Gold award at the Elderly Accommodation Counsel (EAC) Awards held at The Sheridan Suite, Manchester.

It was one of just 27 providers out of more than 25,000 developments to take the top prize.

A spokesman for Anchor Hanover said the award was largely thanks to the local housing team's commitment to improving health and wellbeing and tackling isolation and loneliness of residents.

He added that over the years, the scheme has been a hub for the community with a number of initiatives including some residents being trained by the estate manager to become Citizens Advice advisors. The estate also has regular GP and nurse visits and will shortly be unveiling a community defibrillator.

Launched in 2010, the EAC Awards aim to recognise retirement housing developments which are best in their field and to help shape the future of housing in later life through engaging with residents, staff, visitors and volunteers who voted for their favourite development.

Thanet residents Moira Holmes (1st left) and Sandra Pye (far right) at the awards with estate manager, Christine Ditchfield and support assistant, Sarah McGrath.

Thanet resident, 72-year-old Sandra Pye said: "I was delighted to hear that Thanet has won the award. Since moving in I have found the staff to be so helpful. I love taking walks in the beautifully landscaped garden and I am even considering trying out some Yoga."

Estate manager for Thanet, Christine Ditchfield, added: "Having worked here since 2010 we're thrilled to have won this award, it is testament that staff, residents and visitors are proud of Thanet and the community services it provides."

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Moor Street Night Market returns

THE Moor Street Night Market will be returning to Ormskirk on Friday, May 31 and then on the last Friday of each month until September.

Featuring numerous street food stalls selling a variety of foods and a number of bars selling a range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, it will run from 5.30 to 9.30pm.

The market, which was trialled in 2017 and took place again last November, proved very popular but had only been granted a temporary licence.

Dave Speak, manager of The Cricketers in Chapel Street, one of the businesses behind the initiative, said that West Lancs Council has now obtained a permanent licence for the town centre, which will help facilitate future events.

Other businesses behind the event are Tap Room Number 12, Styles, Mylo & Co, and Holborn Wines. The Ormskirk Community Partnership has also provided support.

Dave Speak said: "The event is an ideal start point to a night out, or a great opportunity to bring the family out for a bite to eat, have a drink, and listen to some great music."

Anyone wishing to take part in the market can contact Dave by email at info@thecricketers-ormskirk.co.uk.

Brexit Party claim three of eight North West seats in Euro elections

NIGEL Farage's Brexit Party has won three of the eight North West seats available in the European elections, the results of which were announced when polling closed across Europe on Sunday night.

This was the election which would not have taken place if the UK had left the EU by the planned deadline of March 29.

Voters across the country, including here in West Lancs, cast their votes last Thursday (May 23) to decide which candidates would represent them in the European Parliament - until such time as the UK leaves the EU.

The Labour Party retained two seats and lost one, while the Lib Dems won two and the Green Party took one. The Tories lost their two seats in the region.

Nigel Farage.

Change UK, the centrist, pro-European Union party, did not win any seats, and the right-wing activist Tommy Robinson polled only 2% of the vote.

There was a turnout of 33.10 per cent in the region with 1,744,859 people voting.

Newly-elected Brexit Party MEP for the North West, Claire Fox, said their success was 'a victory for grass roots democrats'.

The elected MEPs for the North West are: Claire Regina Fox, Henrik Eyser Overgaard Nielsen, David Richard Bull (The Breixt Party); Theresa Mary Griffin and Julie Carolyn Ward (Labour); Chris Davies and Jane Elisabeth Brophy (Liberal Democrats); and Gina Dowding (Green Party).

In West Lancashire The Brexit Party took a 35.1% share of the vote; Labour 18.9%; Liberal Democrats 15.2%; Green 12.3%; Conservative 9%; UKIP 3.7%; Change UK 3.1%; Tommy Robinson 1.7%; English Democrats 0.6%; the UK European Union Party 0.4%; and Mohammad Aslam 0.1%.

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Call to raise a mug to North West Air Ambulance crews!

Report by **Henry James**

THE North West Air Ambulance Charity is celebrating its 20th birthday and to mark the occasion officials are asking the public to raise a mug in honour of its life-saving work.

The charity's Brew with the Crew campaign aims to bring people together over tea, coffee and cake and raise funds to help to keep its air ambulance crews in the sky.

Back at their Blackpool and Barton bases, the crew estimate miss an approximate 6,782 brews each year due to mission call-outs. Sometimes no sooner is the kettle is on but they are called out to reach critically injured patients across all corners of the North West, including West Lancashire.

So as the crew save lives while their teas and coffees cool, the NWAA is urging people to brew up! By hosting an event, the public can thank their local helicopter heroes and raise vital funds over cake and a cuppa!

This could be with a 'par-tea' at the local community centre, inviting friends round for a brew or even just by taking a tray of cakes in to the office and inviting donations.

North West Air Ambulance 20th birthday celebrations.

All money raised will go towards making a life-saving impact in the region.

Andy Duncan, lead helicopter emergency medical service paramedic at the charity, said: "To be able to celebrate our 20th birthday is testament to the fantastic support of our amazing fundraisers and volunteers. As an organisation which is entirely dependent on charitable contributions, we quite literally couldn't do it without them.

"It's a bit of a running joke among the crew that as soon as we click the kettle on, that's when we always seem to get a mission call-out! There's never any delay though - we're straight onto the aircraft, getting to where our patients are as soon as possible."

Just £9 can fuel one of NWAA's three helicopters for one minute of a mission. A donation of £25 can buy a warming blanket to maintain the body temperature of a severe trauma patient, and £650 can provide a specialist stretcher to ensure that patients with neck or spinal injuries can be transported to hospital safely.

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Edge Hill researchers reveal how personality affects susceptibility to persuasion

RESEARCHERS at Edge Hill University have helped to identify personality traits which make people more - or less - susceptible to persuasion than others.

Senior lecturer in psychology, Dr Helen Wall and colleagues Linda Kaye and Dr Andy Levy, carried out the research with academics at Ulster University and the University of New England, Australia.

They asked 316 people to complete online questionnaires revealing their personality traits and how easily they might be persuaded.

From this they identified three main personality profiles which they named Fearful, Malevolent and Socially Apt.

They found Fearful people, who are typically shy, socially inhibited and anxious, were more likely to follow the crowd and be persuaded to do something by people in authority.

Those with a more extrovert, self-orientated and manipulative personality (Malevolent profile) were less likely to be influenced by authority figures, less willing to return a favour and more likely to be persuaded if something was only available for a limited time.

Dr Helen Wall.

Lastly, they found that agreeable, extroverted and conscientiousness Socially Apt people were more likely to be persuaded to do something if it helps maintain their commitment to something they've done before.

Dr Linda Kaye, senior lecturer in psychology, said: "Rather than looking at personality traits in isolation we looked at the Big-5, Dark Triad and Type D Personality scales together, and in relation to Cialdini's model of persuasion.

"This helped us create more accurate personality profiles, so we could predict a person's likelihood to do something and how easily they could be persuaded."

Dr Helen Wall commented: "I'm very passionate about the need to encourage a proactive approach to children's mental health and wellbeing.

"From this research I'd like to develop a programme of research which utilises personalised persuasive approaches encouraging young children to be proactive towards their own wellbeing.

"Adopting a personalised approach that 'nudges' people towards taking positive action, I believe, is very important."

And Dr Andy Levy, reader in psychology, added: "Our study sheds some light on how combining personality characteristics can influence human persuasion. We are now in a position to further explore how our findings can benefit the health, wellbeing and behaviour for many people across varied contexts in society."

The team are keen to explore their findings further and examine whether the results can be replicated.

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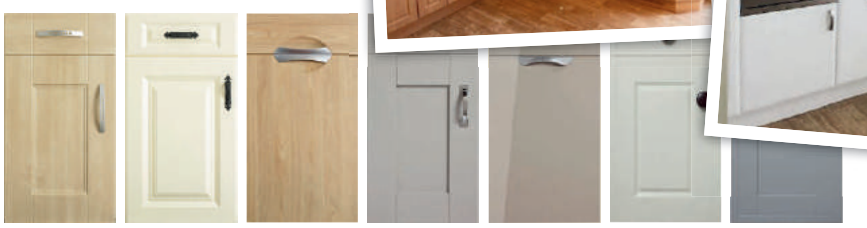

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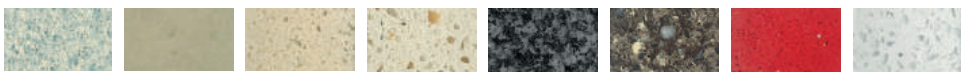

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Dancers from Divine Days Creative Arts performing at last year's festival at Coronation Park.

'Fantastic' line-up in store at dance festival

THE Ormskirk Community Dance Festival is set to return to the town's Coronation Park for a fifth year on Sunday, June 16.

Running from 11am to 4pm on the day, the event is run by Skelmersdale-based Divine Days Community Arts CIC, in partnership with the Park Rangers and West Lancashire Borough Council, and organisers say a 'fantastic and diverse' range of performers are lined up to feature at the year's event.

Last year's festival attracted more than 1,000 visitors and it is hoped to equal or surpass that figure this time around.

Divine Days aims to assist people of all ages, abilities and disabilities to connect with others. The company's founder, Katie Whitehead said: "The dance festival is a free event showcasing the amazing and diverse range of creativity that is happening in our community and how dance and music can bring people together.

"It is an inclusive festival and we have some fantastic performers who happen to have additional needs, as well as mainstream performances.

"This will be our fifth year of running the event and it's an honour and a privilege to be heading up the festival again.

"We get to meet some amazing people and I am always blown away by the talent and how the community comes together whatever the weather to support each other.

"We have had body-popping next to tap dancing, followed by musical theatre and this year is proving to be just as diverse. We have many dance schools from across West Lancs, while word has also spread and we have performers joining us this year from Liverpool.

"Dance and the arts brings people together which is at the very heart of Divine Days Community Arts and we love to hear how it has made such a positive difference to people.

"We hear on a daily basis how joining one of our groups has brought a new-found freedom and to see it all come together at the dance festival alongside all the other great projects out there is inspiring."

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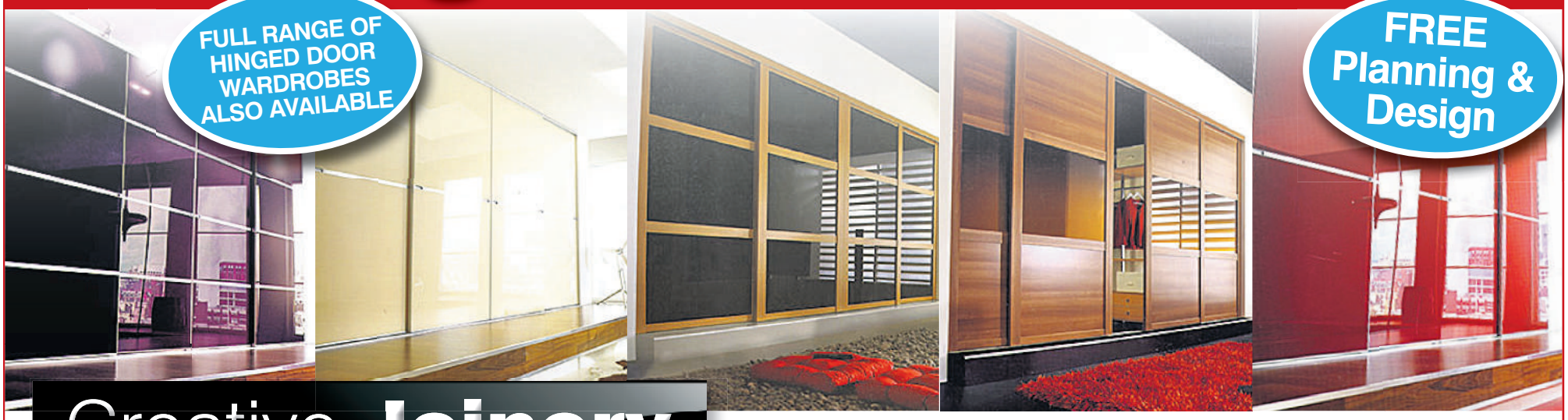

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Council go-ahead for plans to convert former court buildings into aparthotel and restaurant

Report by **Kenny Parker**

PLANS to convert the former magistrates court building in Ormskirk to a 23-room aparthotel, restaurant and bar have been approved by West Lancs Council's planning committee.

The application was submitted by independent and family-owned and run business, Walker & Williams, which owns boutique hotels in Preston and Chester.

The Grade II listed court building, built in 1850 and located on Derby Street on the border of the Ormskirk Town Centre Conservation Area, was closed in 2016,

As part of the conversion proposals the applicants say the attractive internal features of the buildings will be restored and retained where possible.

One of the main courtrooms will become a restaurant, open to the public, with the present court dock being treated as a feature and part of the bar.

A glass floor would also be installed over the restaurant bar area with a view of the stairs leading down to the former holding cells. The staircase would be surrounded by a glass wall making it another feature.

The cell blocks will also be 're-purposed' into 'unique' furniture for a ground-floor bar and restaurant.

A two-storey extension built in the 1970s will be demolished and replaced with another, slightly larger two-storey extension.

In his report to the planning committee, the council's director of development and regeneration John Harrison said he had received letters of support for the development, citing the need for a place to stay for visitors to Ormskirk.

Although some concerns were raised that there were only 14 parking places for a 23-room hotel, Mr Harrison said that the site is located in close proximity to both the railway station and bus station and that there are also a number of public car parks within a short walking distance.

The former Ormskirk Magistrates Court buildings in Derby Street.

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Salute to volunteers helping to transform lives of young people with The Children's Society

ACROSS Lancashire there are amazing people who are helping to transform young lives by taking action with The Children's Society. This Volunteers Week (1-7 June) we would like to thank each and every one of them.

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If you are inspired to get involved, contact us on 0300 303 7000 or at supportercare@childrenssociety.org.uk, we'd love to talk to you.

The need is great and every hour volunteered, every campaign action taken, every donation made makes a real difference.

Nick Roseveare, CEO The Children's Society.

Council need to clarify which parts of Local Plan have been scrapped

RE: The article headed 'Council leader insists Local Plan has been scrapped not shelved' (Page 6, Champion, May 22).

Unfortunately for residents they should fear the above is not the case because the following was contained in a recent letter received from WLBC following one to their chief executive.

"The decision of Cabinet on 12th March was; 'That the Local Delivery Scheme be amended to allow time for the reconsideration of the proposed Local Plan timescale and the preparation of and consultation on a new Local Plan Preferred Options.' The preparation of a new Local Plan therefore continues . . ."

Note not a single mention of scrapping and the appearance that all options are still open to WLBC!

WLBC need to clarify exactly which parts of the plan, if any, have been scrapped!

Gavin Rattray, Burscough resident.

PICTURE of the week

THIS atmospheric image of Crow Lane, near Ashurst Beacon was submitted by reader Barbara Baxter from Up Holland who captured the scene while out enjoying a walk.

If you would like to submit a photo to be considered for our Picture of the Week slot, you can simply email it to editorial@champnews.com.

And please remember to include your name, the area you live in and brief caption details to go with the photo.

We have been informed that last week's Picture of the Week featured a male robin feeding its mate, a female robin, and not an adult feeding a chick.

Our thanks to an 'avid Champion reader' from Parbold for bringing this to our attention.

'Crazy' paving has ruined beautiful, untouched area!

FROM wild to 'sanitised' - why has West Lancs Council paved the entrance to woods leading down to the Tawd from Dalton Park?

Financially costly, and disturbance to wildlife - deer, owls, jays, woodpeckers, etc. - is immeasurable. This was a beautiful, untouched wild area, valued as such by locals.

Am I being too cynical to suggest that WLBC thinks this will make the woodland pleasant for the future occupants of the estate being built on the field next to the wood? (Ah yes, the affordable that are now 'exclusive' homes!)

Angry resident of Ashurst, by email.

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Former pupils and staff invited to party to mark village primary school's milestone 175th birthday

STAFF and pupils at a village school are set to celebrate a special milestone.

Bickerstaffe CE Primary is 175 years old this year and to mark the occasion they are holding a party at the school in Hall Lane on Friday, June 14 to which all former pupils and staff are invited.

Scheduled to run from 2 to 4.30pm, the birthday bash already boasts a guest list, including the Bishop of Liverpool, Paul Bayes and the new Mayor of West Lancs , Councillor Gaynar Owen, but the school is particularly keen to celebrate with some old friends.

Guests will be entertained by individual classes singing and reciting poems, and the school choir will also sing.

Headteacher, Maggie Teachen, said: "There will be a programme of entertainment between 2 and 3.15pm, as well as and an abundance of lovely food and drinks on offer until 4.30pm.

"And those who wish may also take a guided tour of our lovely school.

"We're inviting all former pupils and staff to come along and help us to celebrate in style. A warm welcome, beautiful surroundings, wonderful children, fabulous staff, 'feel-good' entertainment, as well as tasty food and drinks await you!

"If you want your name added to our guest list, please telephone 01695 722957. We would love to see you."

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Michelle: 07883 159082

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I feared the worst but my Tina lived to tell another tale

ONLY a couple of days ago writing this column was something I was dreading.

For it looked quite possible that my friend and companion of almost 11 years, the eponymous 'dog', Tina, would be no more, following an emergency operation to remove an internal blockage.

In fact, just four days ago I was given three alternatives by my vet after a scan had revealed the scale of the problem.

They could continue with medication which would prolong her life for an unknown time, but she would never be fully well again; I could agree to the operation, having been given the warning that at her age there was always doubt about a successful conclusion; or I could save myself a lot of money and have her put down then and there.

Obviously for me there could only be one answer. So two days ago I was on tenterhooks, waiting for my phone to ring with news - good or bad.

In the event, things went well and I was able to bundle my lovely Tina into a friendly taxi and bring her back home, complete with one of those collars designed to stop her licking the rather large scar with the aim of preventing any infection of the wound.

Unhappily, even in her still befuddled state, Tina hated the thing - and because of her narrow head succeeded in getting it off more or less as soon as I re-affixed it. In fact, she has as yet shown no inclination to lick, but I am determined to keep the collar on at night time for at least a couple of days.

At first I was really concerned that she still would not eat anything. But this morning she relented and accepted some tuna and some chicken. Which is just as well because she has to take a course of pills, plus some liquid concoction to be squirted on her food.

She is still forbidden walks though but I take it as a good sign that she seems seriously to resent this!

Young (well, three years younger than Tina) Cinders has, for once, been very good about the whole episode, being glad to see Tina back with us, but at the same time not pestering her.

Obviously I know I will lose my Tina some day, but this was so sudden (though not eating she had been behaving absolutely normally) that it really knocked me for six when I heard the vet's verdict. Particularly so, when that same evening I took her for an evening walk and was stopped by a gentleman who wanted to say what a beautiful dog I had.

And now I still have.

This small episode though very nearly brought tears to my eyes.

One thing at least all this has brought home to me is the necessity of getting health insurance for your dog. This whole episode (and there will be further vet visits required) has cost me a packet - which I do not for one moment regret spending - but it did come as a bolt from the blue. Mind you, I suppose if you took all the insurance premiums I have saved over 11 years, it's possibly not so bad. This is the first time Tina has ever been to the vet apart from her annual 'MOT' and mild kennel cough which cured itself without additional treatment.

Insurance though still seems the only sensible way to go. Unfortunately, I think Cinders is probably too old by now (seven) to be taken on insurance-wise, but I will look into it.

We are not necessarily completely out of the woods yet, but all the signs are good and I have my Tina back with me. She has been a much-loved dog which has stood by me through life's ups and downs. I have had her since she was small enough to fit into my shirt pocket and life without her would certainly be a more bleak prospect than it is at present.

And if anyone is tempted to say "cheer up, it's only a dog" please do not say it to me. Tina is my dog, my friend and of more worth than many human beings in this world.

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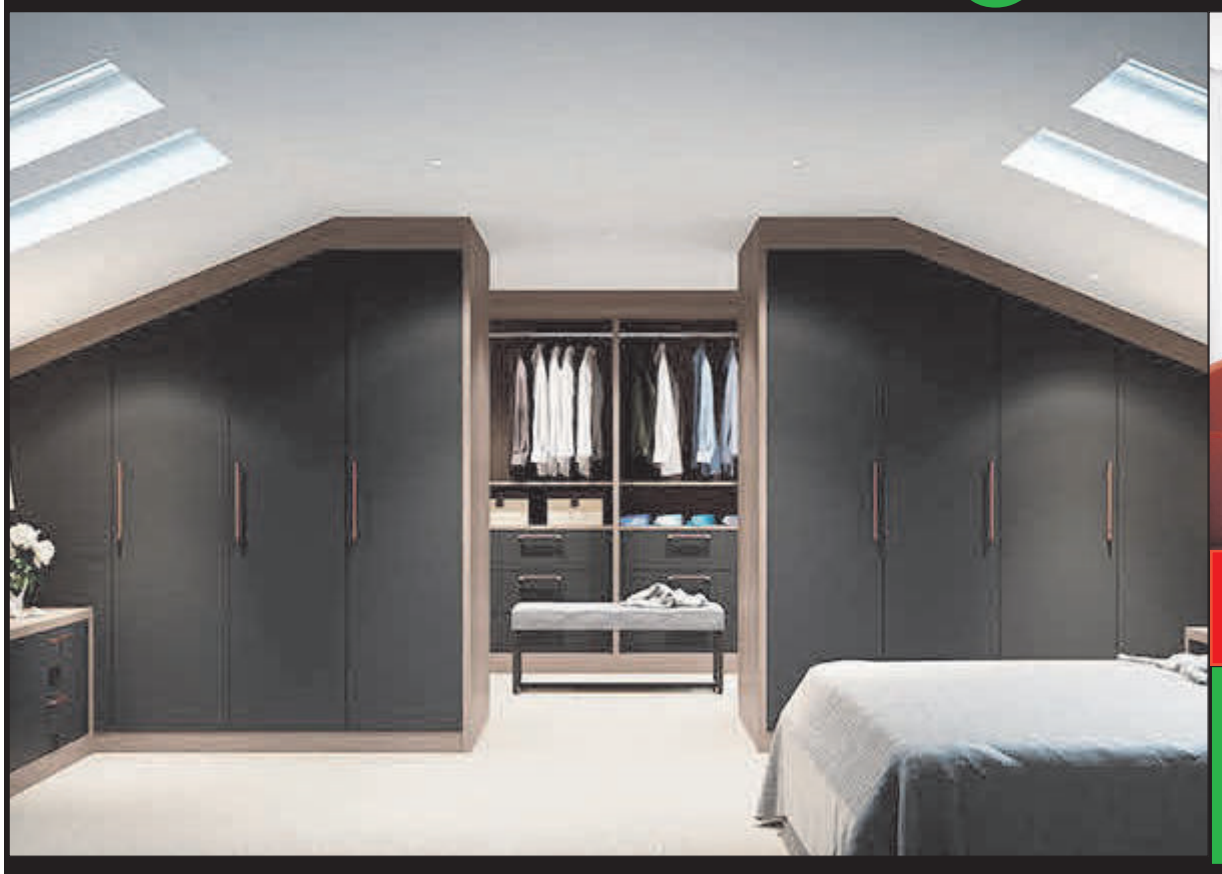

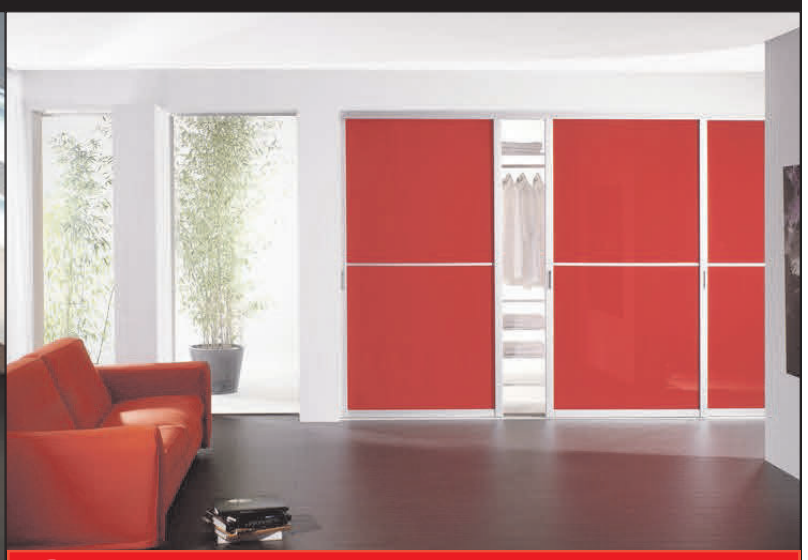

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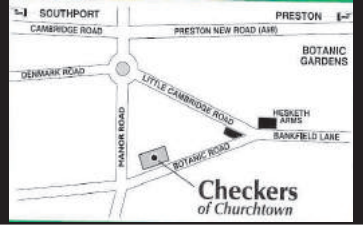

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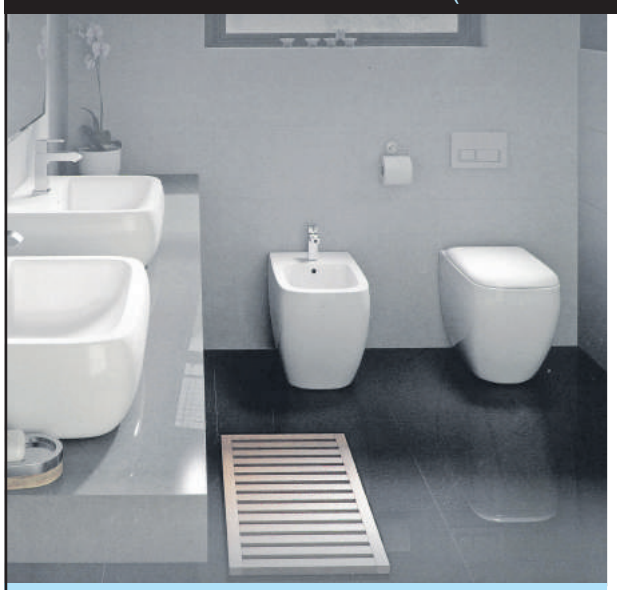

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Joseph Dockree with Performance Academy students at West Lancashire College.

West End performer joins students for theatre workshop

PERFORMANCE Academy students at West Lancashire College were excited to welcome West End performer Joseph Dockree to the college for a West End Theatre Workshop.

Joseph worked with the students to choreograph the chalk drawing scene, Jolly Holiday for their forthcoming production of Mary Poppins Jr.

He spent the day in the Hope Theatre giving his insight into a career in the West End which was described as "truly inspirational."

Joseph trained at The Royal Ballet Lower School and Laine Theatre Arts and has numerous theatre and ballet credits including Pinocchio in Shrek (UK Tour); Swing and 2nd Cover Neleus in Mary Poppins (UK Tour); Sleeping Beauty (Royal Opera House, The Royal Ballet); The Nutcracker & Coppelia (Birmingham Hippodrome, Birmingham Royal Ballet).

Deb Fletcher, college course leader for Performing Arts said: "This was a fabulous opportunity for our students and Joe has left them with West End sparkle that they will sprinkle all over their Mary Poppins performance!"

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Gill is new president of law society

THE Southport and Ormskirk Law Society, which represents practices across the district, has appointed a new president.

Gill Dowling (pictured left) who lives in Ainsdale, studied at Christ the King School, Southport before graduating from John Moore's University in Liverpool with a Bachelor of Law and qualified as a solicitor in 2002.

She is the head of the property department at Brighouses Solicitors in Southport.

Gill said: "I feel honoured and privileged to have been elected president of the Southport and Ormskirk Law Society and I shall do my best to uphold the society's great traditions."

The former Dunscar Garden Centre which will be demolished to make way for new offices.

Plans to build offices on former garden centre site approved

Expanding transport company given go-ahead to return to Tarleton 'roots'

Report by **Kenny Parker**

COUNCILLORS have given the green light for a former Tarleton-based company to return to its roots.

An application to build new offices on the former Dunscar Home & Garden Centre site have been approved by West Lancs Council's planning committee.

The plan is to redevelop the site on Southport New Road into office buildings to accommodate haulage and logistic specialists Barron Wood Distribution Ltd.

The company, which was formed in 1993 by brothers John and David Fairbrother and run from their grandparents' farm in Tarleton, outgrew its premises and moved to Much Hoole in 2010.

It continued to expand, however, growing from employing 40 staff to approximately 200, and having extended its present building three times has now reached the capacity of the site.

The development will see the demolition of the existing garden centre, cafe, and two bungalows and associated outbuildings and the erection of two one-storey H-shaped office buildings.

The cafe site will be used for car parking.

Dunscar Home & Garden Centre had been run by three generations of the same family for more than 70 years before closing its doors last year.

It was latterly owned by Shaun Lewis and his wife Hilary who announced that they were selling up in January of last year.

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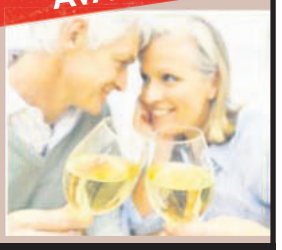

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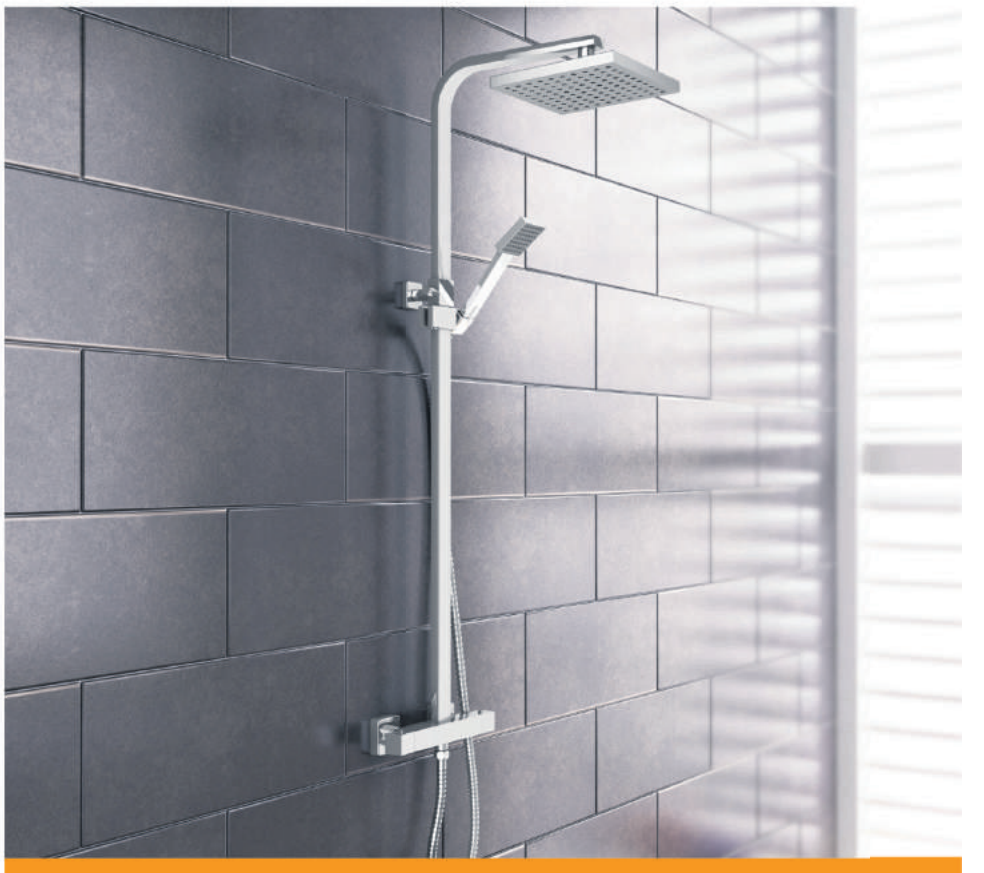

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County council seeks your views on planned changes to residents' parking schemes

LANCASHIRE County Council is asking the public for their views on proposed changes to residents' parking schemes in a bid to "to make them work fairly and consistently across the county."

The authority has launched a consultation on proposals to introduce a standard price of £25 for annual permits, and make changes to the types of permits available in some areas.

As well as West Lancashire, there are residents' parking schemes in Chorley, South Ribble, Preston, Lancaster, Ribble Valley, Fylde, Hyndburn, Burnley and Pendle.

The cost of permits and the types available currently vary as the schemes were established by different district councils. The county council took over their administration in 2018 and has reviewed the way they work.

The council has written to more than 9,000 residents who are eligible for residents parking permits as part of a formal consultation into changing the terms of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), which makes them legally enforceable.

The new scheme being proposed means no change for many current permit holders as a number of the schemes in place already charge £25 per permit.

It will also offer residents in many schemes the opportunity to buy a second £25 permit for visitors. The council say this will 'simplify' arrangements currently in place in some areas where visitors' permits can be used a limited number of times before being renewed, and other types of permit are also available for businesses, doctors, and carers.

Under the proposed new scheme all visitors' permits would be registered to an address, making them easier to administer and enforce, and potentially improving opportunities for residents to park. Residents with visitor permits can offer them to anyone who needs to park nearby while visiting them.

To support environmental challenges the new scheme also proposes to waive the charge for vehicle specific permits for fully electric vehicles.

Regulation and enforcement manager for Lancashire County Council, Peter Bell, said: "The schemes currently differ between districts, but now they're being administered on a county-wide basis it makes sense to ensure they operate along the same lines as far as possible.

"In some areas the changes amount to simplifying the way the schemes operate and we hope this will also make them work better for residents."

"It will mean no change for many residents and minor changes for most but I would ask people to respond so that any comments in support of, or objecting to, these proposals can be considered."

Any objections will be included in a report to the cabinet member for highways and transport for a decision. Responses must be received before the consultation ends on Friday, June 14.

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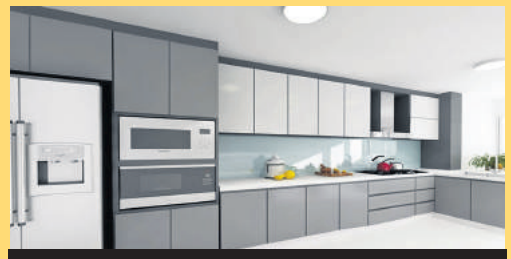

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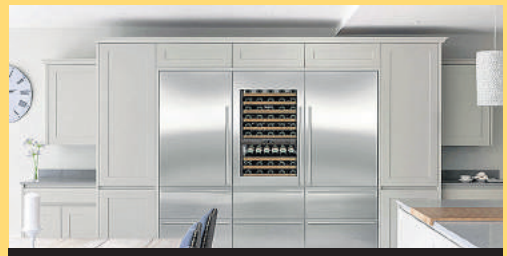

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U3A group hosts free talk on Morecambe Bay

FREELANCE writer and photographer Peter Rimmer will give a talk about Morecambe Bay and its shrimp fishermen at the next meeting of the Aughton and Ormskirk U3A group on Thursday, June 6.

This will be held at Christ Church in Long Lane, Aughton, starting at 10.30am.

Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.

The talk will be based on Peter's self-published photo book, The Tide's The Very Devil, which describes the hazards, dangers and isolation of the bay and some of its rich history. It also features the work of a father and son shrimp fishing duo from Flookburgh, comparing the similarities and differences between practices today and in the past.

County's young readers choose their 2019 'Fantastic' fiction titles

THE winners of Lancashire County Council's 14th annual Fantastic Book Awards 2019, chosen by young readers in the county, have been announced.

Pupils aged nine to 11 from 157 schools across Lancashire have read six books from a list of 30, during the autumn and spring terms before voting for their favourites.

The winners are *Letters from the Lighthouse*, by Emma Caroll; *The Creakers*, by Tom Fletcher; *The Incredible Dadventure*, by Dave Lowe; *King Koo*, by Adam Stower; and *The Jewelled Jaguar*, by Sharon Tregenza.

Organised by Lancashire County Council's School Library Service, the main aim of the awards is to support reading for pleasure and enjoyment by introducing newly-published fiction titles to youngsters aged nine to 11.

The county council's head of libraries, museums, culture and registrars, Julie Bell, said: "The awards involve thousands of children from primary schools across Lancashire avidly reading and then discussing books. They then get the chance to vote on the books that they like the best at the end of the spring term.

"This is a fun way to engage with our children to encourage them to read and importantly help us to maintain the county's high levels of literacy.

"We particularly like the books to be read in a book club, so that the pupils can share their thoughts with each other in a relaxed setting.

"I'm delighted the Fantastic Book Awards have enjoyed another successful year, and that more children have been encouraged to discover the pleasure of a good book."

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Visit the web site www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere to find out what's on the reserve at the moment as well as all the upcoming events

The Kicking Donkey is set to host the event in aid of Guide Dogs for The Blind.

Artist organises 'dine in the dark' date in aid of guide dogs charity

A VOLUNTEER fundraiser is hoping to raise £500 for the Guide Dogs for The Blind Association by staging a meal where the diners all eat while blindfolded!

The 'Dining In The Dark' event has been organised by local artist Stephanie Guy and is due to be held at the Kicking Donkey pub in Narrow Moss Lane, Scarisbrick on Thursday, June 20 from 7pm.

Tickets are £20 and there will be a two-course meal, with a vegetarian choice. There will also be a guest speaker and a raffle and 50% of the proceeds will go to the charity.

Stephanie is a member of the Ormskirk Guide Dogs for the Blind volunteer fundraisers group which gives talks to schools, youth groups, and other local organisations to raise awareness.

She also volunteers as a puppy walker for the charity helping to raise guide dog puppies from the age of seven weeks and preparing them for 'schooling' at around 14 months.

Having held a successful quiz night at the Kicking Donkey last year she was happy to use the venue again as she says they are keen to host charitable events.

She said: "I am asking people to come and dine in the dark with us and help to transform the life of someone who is blind or partially sighted.

"We'll be valiantly attempting to eat a meal together without being able to see where it is, trying to talk to each other without making eye contact and joining in with blindfold games and a raffle!"

There are 42 tickets available for the dinner and Stephanie is hopeful that with the help of the raffle they will be able to hit their £500 target.

And she added; "If anyone wishes to donate prizes for the raffle we'd be very grateful."

For more information about 'Dining In The Dark' or to donate a raffle prize contact the Kicking Donkey on 01695 227273.

Meanwhile, Ormskirk Guide Dogs for the Blind volunteer fundraisers group are keen to recruit new members. Anyone interested can email Lynne.Whittaker@guidedogs.org.uk for details.

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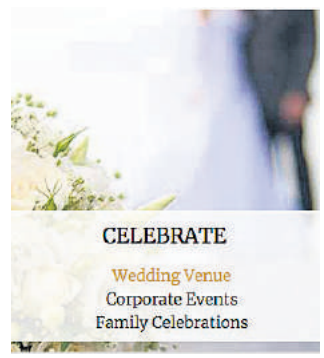
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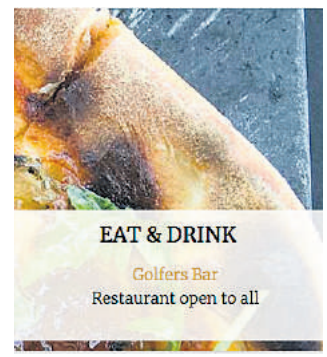
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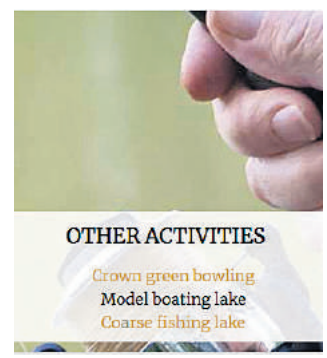
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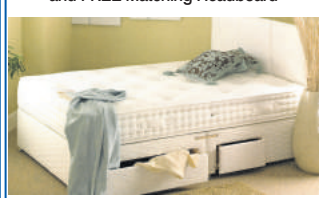

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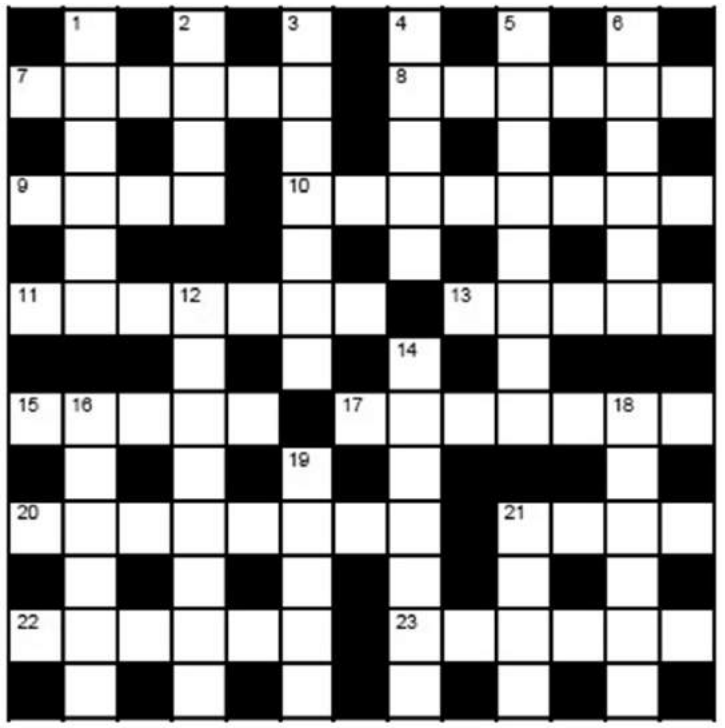

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7. Kangaroo Court. 8. Strangle. 9. Dune. 10. Scrawny. 12. Triad. 14. Aargh. 16. Deleted. 19. Ashy. 20. Academic. 22. Co-respondents.

Down: 1. Halt. 2. Iguana. 3. Oregano. 4. Moses. 5. Fodder. 6. Truncate. 11. Chat show. 13. Remains. 15. Geyser. 17. Eyelet. 18. Harpy. 21. Iota.

ACROSS

7. Put in order (4, 2)
8. Scarcely; barely (6)
9. Ballpoint pen (4)
10. Act of retaliation (8)
11. Cruel and oppressive government or rule (7)
13. Exists (5)
15. A member of an indigenous people of northern Canada, parts of Greenland and Alaska (5)
17. A straight line that touches a curve at a point but doesn't cross it (7)
20. County in South-West England (8)
21. A legislative body in the ruling assembly of Russia (4)
22. To dress someone (6)
23. Person trying to lose weight perhaps (6)

DOWN

1. Malign; disparage (6)
2. A beginner or novice (4)
3. Economical; frugal (7)
4. Fried potatoes traditionally served with peas or fish (5)
5. Instruction or preparation (8)
6. Immoral, sordid and corrupt behaviour or activities (6)
12. To make hostile; estrange (8)
14. Sentimental or romantic songs (7)
16. Ribbon-like strip of pasta (6)
18. Deprived of feeling or responsiveness; anaesthetised (6)
19. Renowned (5)
21. Legal document regarding the ownership of property (4)

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Few places remaining on free cycling skills course for youngsters

PARENTS in the borough are being reminded that there are just a few places remaining on a free cycling course run by West Lancs Council for children aged between five and 12 years old who want to learn new skills

The Bikeability Level 1 course will be held at Richmond Park, Burscough, on Friday, May 31 running from 10am to midday.

Instructors will help children learn to control their bike, improve observation and learn techniques to prepare them for cycling on the roads in the future.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "Bikeability is a really good way for children to learn new skills on their bikes. So if your children are aged between five and 12 make sure you book a place for them on this course."

Places must be booked in advance by ringing 01695 570258 or emailing anne.faulkner@westlancs.gov.uk.

Meeting point for the course is Richmond Park's multi-use games area.

The Bikeability course has been organised by the council's parks and countryside service.

'Wonderful day' at village fair

ORGANISERS of the annual Hilldale Fair and Fun Dog Show have hailed this year's event a success.

It is run entirely by volunteers and aimed solely at benefiting the residents of Hilldale. Bill Halkett, chairman of Hilldale Community Association, said: "The sun shone, lots of people came and it was a wonderful day."

Held on Hilldale Playing Field, the event featured performances by Red Admirals Brass Band, Mucky Mountain Morris Dancers and Preston Trick Dogs.

Meanwhile the Fun Dog Show, organised and run by Sarah Glover and other volunteers, was more popular than ever with more than 80 dogs entering.

And Sylvie Dickinson, a student at Richard Durnings Primary School, Bispham, was crowned Hilldale Rose Queen 2019 by guest of honour, Councillor May Blake

The day also featured stalls a prize raffle and rides and bouncy castles for children.

Rose Queen Sylvie Dickinson.

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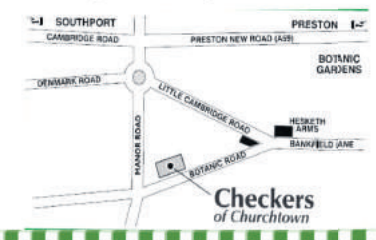

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Champion ENTERTAINMENT

Famous whodunnit being staged at Empire

Gwyneth Strong as Mrs Boyle in The Mousetrap. Picture by Tristram Kenton

THE Mousetrap, the legendary whodunnit from the Queen of Crime, Dame Agatha Christie, is on a major national tour starring Gwyneth Strong (Only Fools and Horses) as Mrs Boyle, and is directed by Gareth Armstrong.

It will be at the Liverpool Empire from tomorrow (Thursday, May 30) until Saturday, June 1.

This unstoppable West End hit has been delighting theatregoers for 67 years with its macabre murder mystery.

The new tour is travelling the length and breadth of the country giving audiences all across the UK the opportunity to discover theatre's best kept secret.

The cast also includes David Alcock (Mr Paravacini), Geoff Arnold (Detective Sgt. Trotter), Nick Biadon (Giles Ralston), Lewis Chandler (Christopher Wren), John Griffiths (Major Metcalf), Harriett Hare (Mollie Ralston) and Saskia Vaigncourt-Strallen (Miss Caswell).

Gwyneth Strong is best known for her role of Cassandra in the BBC sitcom Only Fools and Horses.

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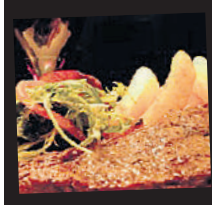

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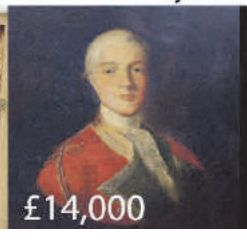

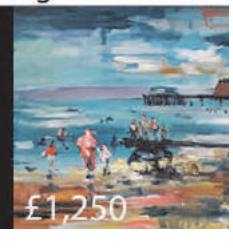

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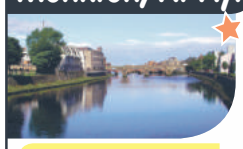
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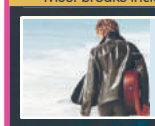
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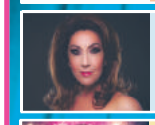
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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C116 FIR TREE LANE, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of C116 Fir Tree Lane, Aughton from C116 Small Lane, Aughton to C116 Clieves Hills Lane, Aughton.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Friday 24th May 2019 until 1800 hours on Friday 28th June 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Closure will in place for the full duration. Pedestrian access only will be maintained.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C116 Clieves Hills Lane, Aughton – B5195 Birches Brow, Aughton – B5195 Formby Lane, Aughton – U963 Fir Tree Lane, Aughton

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow gable end farm house to be secured and rebuilt under Ventbrook Ltd road closure.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/18515/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(POOL HEY LANE, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Pool Hey Lane, Scarisbrick from 20m before Pool Hey Lane Level Crossing to 20m after Pool Hey Lane Level Crossing.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 2300 hours on Saturday 15th June 2019 until 0800 hours on Sunday 16th June 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. This is an overnight road closure. Access will be maintained for pedestrians only. No access will be maintained for emergency services as a diversion route is in place.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Pool Hey Lane – Wyke Road – Wyke Cop Road – Snape Green – Southport Road

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the lifting and replacing of level crossing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/17142/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2019/0386/FUL Single storey Canopy at Richard Durnings Endowed Primary School, Chorley Road, Bispham.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2019/0437/FUL Replace existing gate and fence to the frontage and full garage conversion at The Poplars, Hall Lane, Lathom.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2019/0439/FUL Alterations to existing properties to form a single dwelling including demolition of existing garage; single storey extension to link Ashleigh and Best Song to form new entrance and utility area and single storey rear extension to form an extended kitchen/dining room. New vehicular access and driveway to the front of the property at Ashleigh & Best Song , Ash Brow, Newburgh.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2019/0479/LBC Listed Building Consent - Enlargement of existing rear openings (door and window) to form a single opening 2.29 x 3.2m, with painted timber sliding glass doors at 36 Roby Mill, Up Holland.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The application affects a Listed Building.

2019/0487/FUL Extension of existing play area and installation of new play equipment and fences at Sports Pavilion And Memorial Playing Field, Halsall Road, Halsall.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2019/0492/FUL Change of use on the ground floor Use Class A1 - shops to D1 - non residential institution - dentist at 14 Aughton Street, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2019/0506/FUL Change of use stables to cattery and change of use of agricultural building to livery stables. Use of existing paddock in connection with livery stables at 59 Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
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How information about you will be used
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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration
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BAILEY WILLIAM CHARLES (BILL)

The family of the late Bill Bailey would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the sympathy cards, messages of condolence and donations for Carla Lane Animals in Need received during their recent sad loss. Thanks also to John Milton for his kind words of comfort, Master McGraths for their hospitality, and Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their guidance and dignified funeral arrangements.

HOWELL JORDANNA LEA

The family would like to express their sincerest thanks for all the messages of sympathy, cards, prayers and heartfelt words at this sad time. A special thank you to Ken Howles for a wonderful service at West Lancashire Crematorium, and to Rolf and all the staff at Hunters Funeral Directors.
Thank you to everyone for their generous donations for the charity 'MIND.' Any further donations to be sent to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk, L39 2EY. Tel: 01695 572997

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SIMONS CHARLOTTE (LETTIE)

Jean, David and the family would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent sad loss of a Much loved Mum, Grandma and Great-Grandma. Special thanks to Carol Edwards for the comforting Funeral Service, and to Sally Hunter & staff at MLS Independent Funeral Directors, for their support & dignified funeral arrangements.

DEATHS

FARRINGTON JEAN MATILDA

14th May 2019

Aged 86 years

Will be sadly missed. Funeral service to be held at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 30th May at 1:20pm. Donations to Queenscourt Hospice. Enquiries to Broadbent & Seddon Funeral Directors Tel: 01704 550055

EASTHAM GLADYS

20th May 2019

Peacefully in hospital aged 92 years of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved Wife of late Henry. Loving Mum of Barrie (deceased), dear Mother in law of Carol, devoted Nanna of Peter & Rebecca and Lisa & Matthew and Great Nanna to Daniel, James, Ella, Libby and Sam. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

BLUNDELL JOAN (NEE MAHER)

22nd May 2019

Peacefully at home aged 82 years.

Devoted Wife to Joseph and loving Mother to Paula and Karen. Nanny to Chris, Lorna, Emma and Joe. We say thank you so much for being everything to us all. Goodnight till we meet again. Funeral service and cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Monday June 3rd 2019 at 10:40am. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired for Vital Signs. All further enquires c/o Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, Merseyside L31 5JB Tel: 0151 520 3330.

CHARNOCK ALAN REGINALD

May 21st 2019

Peacefully aged 86 years

Sadly missed by Nieces Beryl and Dorothy and Nephews David and Ian. Will be very much missed by all family and friends. Funeral service at St Giles Church, Aintree on Tuesday June 4th 2019 at 10:30 am followed by cremation at Thornton Crematorium. No flowers by request but donations, if desired are being collected for Alzheimer's Society. All further enquiries c/o Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, Merseyside L31 5JB Tel: 0151 520 3330.

PAGNIEZ EDITH MAY

On 19th May 2019

Peacefully in Hospital after a short illness

Aged 90 years

A dearly loved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 3rd June at 10:45am. Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Cancer Research UK. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118

DEATHS

CARBERRY PAULINE MARIA (NÉE CLANCEY)

May 20th 2019

Peacefully at Green Heys Nursing Home aged 73 years, after a bravely fought battle with dementia.

Dearly loved Wife of Tony. Much loved Mum of Jenny, Suzanne and Helen and Gran to Olivia, Sophie, Ruby, Harry, Thomas and Louie. Pauline will be sadly missed by all. Funeral Mass at St Gregory's Church Lydiate on Wednesday June 5th 2019 at 11:30am followed cremation at Thornton Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired can be made to the Alzheimer's Society. All further enquires c/o Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, Merseyside L31 5JB Tel: 0151 520 3330.

CANAVAN JAMES (JIMBO)

21st May 2019

Peacefully at The Willows Nursing Home Aged 87 years.

Much loved Husband of The late Betty. Dear Dad of Chris and Paul and Father in Law of Michelle. Proud Grandad of Liam, Mike and Sean. Loving Brother in Law to Auntie Wynne. Jimbo will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Requiem Mass will take place at St Anne's RC Church, Timms Lane, Freshfield, Formby on Wednesday 5th June 2019 at 10.00am followed by Committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Further enquires please to Moisters Funeralcare, 8 Station Road, Ainsdale, PR8 3HS. Tel 01704 575 282

DEATHS

LANGLER DOREEN

15th May 2019

Peacefully, at home, Aged 71 years

Dearly beloved Wife of David. Much loved Mother of Stephen. Dear Mother-in-Law of Anna. Loving Nana of Beth, Jamie and Charlie. A much loved Auntie of Emma. Doreen will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 7th June 2019 at 2.40pm.

Further enquiries to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ, Telephone Number 01704 212714.

CONDON PAUL DAMIAN

Sadly passed away 10th May 2019 aged 48 years

The dearly loved Son of Mark and the late Audrey Condon. Paul will be greatly missed by all his family, friends and work colleagues. Funeral Mass to be held at St. Annes Church Ormskirk on Wednesday 5th June at 12.30pm followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to The Alzheimers Society c/o Hunters of Ormskirk 128b Burscough St Ormskirk L39 2EY Tel: 01695 572997

DEATHS

WOOSEY RICHARD (DICK)

22nd May 2019

Aged 87 years

Devoted Husband of Edith Elizabeth. Much loved Dad of Richard and Carolyn, Father-in-Law to Karen and Terry. Cherished Grandad to his Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. Dick will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 5th June at 12:00 noon. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for Southport Offshore Rescue Trust (S.O.R.T). Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

HOPKINS ALISON TANYA

18th May 2019 Peacefully aged 54 years formerly of Rainford and Bickerstaffe

A loving Mum and Nan. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe on Tuesday 4th June 2019 at 12:45pm followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

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DEATHS

BERKLEY MARGERET

(NEE HOMSON)

Passed away peacefully In hospital aged 79 years

Dearly loved Wife of Peter. Devoted Mother of Late Peter Junior, John, David and Daniel. Beloved Sister of the Late Joseph Homson. Sadly missed Mother in Law, Aunty and Grandma to many. Loved and missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at Christ Church, Aughton at 10.30am Wednesday 29th May followed by an interment at West Lancashire Cemetery.

Further enquiries to H Hardman & Co Ltd. Witham Road, Skelmersale Tel: 01695 722122 / 720012

STONIER DEREK

Peacefully at home on 21st May 2019 with his family by his side aged 85 years

A wonderful Dad, Grandad, Father in law, Uncle and friend. The Funeral Service will take place at West Lancs. Crematorium on Thursday 30th May 2019 at 3.15pm, with refreshments afterwards at The Plough and Harrow, UpHolland. The family would like to thank Derek's carers, The District Nurses and the staff of Queenscourt Hospice. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation or to Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to R. Banks & Son (Funerals) Ltd., Stretton House, 23 Hall Green, UpHolland, Wigan, WN8 0PB. Tel. 01695 622099. www.rbanksandson.co.uk

DEATHS

AINSCOUGH

Formerly Gilbertson

MARGARET

3rd May 2019

After a long illness peacefully in hospital aged 80 years

Devoted Wife of Maurice. Gorgeous Mum of Karen, John and Sally. A much loved Nana Margaret to all her Grandchildren. Margaret will be greatly missed by her family, friends and all who knew her. Funeral service will take place at Christ Church, Southport on Friday 7th June 2019 at 12 noon followed by committal at Southport Crematorium at 1.20pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Cancer Research UK. Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel No: 01704 532106

BERKLEY DAVID

17th May 2019

Peacefully at home surrounded by his loving famly aged 64 years

Much loved Husband of Pauline. Devoted Dad of Gary, Ian and Laura. Dear Father in law of Cath, cherished Grandad of Nathan and Hazel, loving Son of Rita, caring Brother of Michael and Brother in law of Carole, Barry and Karen. Dear Uncle of all his Nephews and Nieces and a caring Cousin. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St. Pauls Church on Friday 31st May at 12.30pm followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

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HUGHES DOROTHY IRENE

20th May 2019

Aged 93 years

Will be lovingly remembered by her Husband of 73 years John, and their Children, Kenneth, David, Stephen and Linda, as well as her Daughter-in-Laws, Mavis, Lorraine, Carol and Son-in-Law Alex. She will be sadly missed by her Grandchildren Andrea, Michael, Laura, Sarah and Matthew and Great Grandchildren Ciara, Riley and Danielle.

Funeral service at St Stephens Church, Hightown at 11:30am, followed by a committal at Thornton Crematorium.

Flowers are welcome and any donations will be gratefully received by The National Kidney Federation c/o and enquiries to Coyne Bros Funeral Directors, 3 Old Mill Lane, Formby, L37 3PE. Tel: 01704 874899.

DEATHS

GOODALL PETER

Passed away on 20th May 2019 at his home in Aughton, aged 89 years.

For funeral arrangements and further enquiries please contact Anabel Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, L39 5DZ. Tele | 01695 424888.

BEETHAM ANN

May 15th 2019

Peacefully

Aged 94 years

Will be sadly missed. Funeral service at Thornton crematorium on Wednesday June 5th at 12 noon. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Freshfield Animal Rescue Centre c/o Coyne Bros, 3 Old Mill Lane, Formby, L37 3PE Tel 01704 873899

IN MEMORIAM

HEAPS ELAINE

31st May 2018

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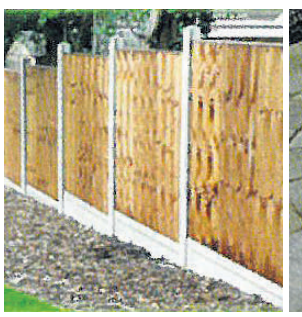

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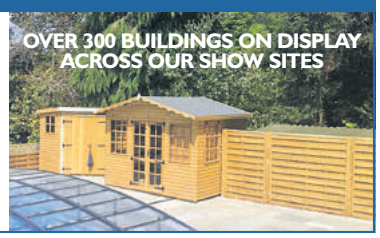

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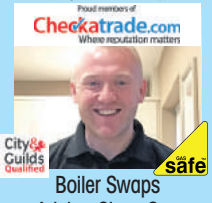
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It's not every day Aintree's old race circuit is opened for go-faster fun

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IT'S NOT often that you can say a Fiat Stilo is as good at something as a Porsche 911 is – but then it's not every day that parts of the old Aintree race circuit are opened up for go-faster fun.

No, not *that* Aintree circuit – if you've ended up here by mistake because you're actually looking for *The Champion* sports pages then I'm afraid to say that there are no jockeys, highly decorated ladies' hats or whinnying thoroughbreds here. Nope, this particular course is the one famed for racing of the motor variety, including the very first British Grand Prix won by Sir Stirling Moss. He tackled it in a single-seater Mercedes W196 – but if you wanted to follow in his tyre tracks last weekend then all you needed was a racing helmet and a secondhand hatchback.

Liverpool Motor Club holds a couple of track days a year on the surviving bits of the track – and for a fiver to spectate I reckon it's a bargain-priced way of spending a couple of hours listening to screeching tyres and watching all manner of motors scrabbling for the best lines through the sweeping right-handers. I popped along last Saturday during the Bank Holiday weekend and the thing that surprised me was the mind-boggling variety of what was out on track. Sure, you'd expect Elises, 911s and Honda Type-Rs on a track day, but I wasn't expecting the next car to barrel into the first corner to be an 05-registered Fiat Stilo. Or a TVR Tuscan virtually unchanged from when it took part in the bonkers Tuscan Challenge race series 20 years ago. Or an Opel Manta, for that matter.

It's good, old-fashioned car-related fun that doesn't get hung up on who's got the priciest entry or the quickest lap time – there was a chap with a Lister 'Knobbly' continuation racer, for instance, but the chaps taking part in Ford Fiestas had equally big grins on their faces after venturing back into the paddock.

More importantly, it keeps part of the North West's motoring heritage alive – yes, I *know* that the full Aintree circuit that Sir Stirling would've diced with Fangio on closed in the 1960s, but by having Porsches and Lotuses screeching around the club circuit it keeps the idea that Aintree isn't just about horse racing in the wider public imagination.

And any element of keeping history that involves hoofing about in a Fiat Stilo has got to be worth it for the amusement factor alone. Count me in.

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*** HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 SE NAV CRDi 5 DR 16 REG** 28,000 miles in moon rock metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, climate, cruise, DAB radio, alloys, heated front seats, reverse camera – FSH & balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty **£13,495**

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*** KIA SPORTAGE 1.7 CRDi 1 5 DR 16 REG** 22,000 miles in black, alloys, aircon, Bluetooth, cruise – FSH..... **£11,195**

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*** HYUNDAI i10 1.2 SE 5 DR 68 REG** 9,000 miles in black, Bluetooth, cruise, DAB radio, aircon – balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty **£8,850**

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Stone shines with bat and ball for Burscough

BURSCOUGH recorded a 62 run win in their Second Division match at bottom placed Alder.

Batting first, Burscough declared their innings on 241-4, thanks in the main to an undefeated 77* from Daniel Unsworth, an unbeaten 51* from all rounder Jon Stone and 30 from skipper Brendan Domigan.

In reply, Liam Naylor hit a valiant unbeaten century (102* inc 18x4 & 1x6) but he was let down by eight of his team mates who managed just 16 runs between them as they were dismissed for 179, with Stone capping off a fine performance with 4-35.

Maghull sit one point off second place after a 33 run win at Spring View.

Batting first, Maghull had slipped to 53-7 before a mini recovery led by Anthony Molloy 40, Paul McKenna 28 and Joe Bennett 25 enabled them post 140 up on the board, with Kevin Crowie 4-46 and Marc Birch 3-13 taking the majority of the wickets to fall.

In reply, 4-31 from Cam Lawrenson helped bowl out the hosts for just 107 to seal victory for Paul Walters' side.

Southport Trinity made in two wins in two with a 47 run win at Hightown St Mary's. Trinity were put in to bat and declared after 52 overs on 232-4, thanks in no small part to skipper Craig Prince 80, Bobby Eyes 35* and Tony Campbell 33, whilst Jim Kelly took 3-89 with the ball.

In reply, Jayden Schadendorf top scored with 88 and Matt Laybourne hit 26 as Hightown were bowled out for 185, with the fit again Michael Roberti claiming 5-55 after his recent golfing injury and spinner Akshay Sreenivasan taking 3-44.

Skelmersdale defeated after batters fail again

SKELMERSDALE were let down by their batting again as they were dismissed for 70 in their Southport and District league match at Cheshire Lines after bowling out the opposition for 137.

The home side batted first and Jonas Smith started well with the ball beating the bat on numerous occasions but it was Luke Manly on his return who made the breakthrough.

This opened the floodgates and Smith soon took the next three Cheshire Line scalps.

Good resistance form Andy Mercer put the home side back into the game in a period of the match that could've swung in anyone's favour.

Andy Moss was brought into the attack and made an immediate impact, combining with Manley to tear through the middle order.

Manley and Smith finished their top spells taking three wickets each. It looked as if Cheshire Lines would be all out before reaching three figures, but Chris Rodgers had other ideas.

He negotiated the bowling attack with composure extended the home side's total past the 100 mark. Moss continued to strike and took the crucial scalp of Rodgers for a determined 45. James Salleh ended the innings by taking the wicket of Max Britten.

Honours were even at the break as Cheshire Lines were all out for 137.

Skem's poor form with the bat continued with Till and Chris Tromp really the only players in the top or middle order making a start.

They took the attack to the bowlers with wickets tumbling around them.

Tromp took confidence from his form-returning knock until he was caught for 19 and Till was promptly bowled for an enterprising 38.

Callum Till and Will Marston posed a solid looking mini recovery down the order as the latter hit two attractive boundaries.

However, it wasn't to be for Skem as they slumped to another loss.

● Fortunately, the cricket at Firswood Park where the 2nd XI hosted Newburgh's 1st XI was more than sufficiently engrossing to take one's mind off the 1st XI's poor form.

Skem were asked to bat first and Callum and Steve Martlew set the tone with the clear mindset of putting the Newburgh bowling attack under pressure.

The runs showed no sign of drying up as the pair made an opening stand partnership of 49.

S Martlew fell for a well made 22 whilst Callum was reinforced by the middle order. He fell for 49, agonisingly short of his maiden Skem 50.

Kyle Till made a well-worked 23 and Phil Wright blasted 15 in an innings that included two sixes.

With the pedigree of the bowling attack, Skem were confident that they could defend their total of 154.

After a positive start from the Newburgh openers, Till made the breakthrough, with Wright then picking up the next two. Hoping to match his batting display with the ball, Callum Martlew did just that ending on impressive figures of 7-3-9-3. Newburgh were just as unprepared for Peter Davies' stylish return as he ripped through their attack, finishing with figures of 5-1-9-3. Newburgh subsequently slumped to 118.

● The Skem Softball 6s tournament was a success on Sunday. The tournament was designed for non-cricketing teams to take part and all involved had a fantastic day. The final saw Link Contracting victorious over the Old Gits.

Batsmen struggle as Ormskirk heavily beaten by Northern

THE top of the Premier Division in the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition has tightened up with new leaders Bootle holding a narrow two point lead over Formby, *writes Glenn Wallworth*.

Ormskirk suffered an eight wicket home defeat to **Northern**.

After choosing to bat Ormskirk were dismissed for 132, with only Alex Rankin 37 and Ryan Maddock 33* offering much with the willow, as the rest struggled against the bowling of Liam Grey 3-20, Tom Sephton 3-23 and Danny Houghton 3-54.

In reply, Grey cracked an unbeaten 71* and Taylor Cornall 35 as Northern eased to victory on 134-2.

Bootle moved top of the table after recording an eight wicket home against **Colwyn Bay**.

The visitors chose to bat and collapsed from 60-0 to 144 all out, with Ryan Westwell 34 and Zack Gidlow 29 top scoring, whilst Kieron New dominated with ball by taking 6-37.

In reply, Mike Farrell hit an unbeaten 79* and Will Hale made 38 as Bootle strolled to victory on 148-2.

Lancashire's Steve Croft scored a century for Lytham against Formby.

Formby slipped off top spot after almost pulling off a remarkable run chase at home against **Lytham**.

An unbeaten century from Lancashire's Steven Croft (118* 6x4 & 7x6) and 41 from Anthony Mulligan meant Lytham were able to declare on 233-6, with Sabbir Patel taking 4-119.

In reply, Sam Oldham 47 and Ollie Sutton 43 kept Formby in the chase and Dave Atkinson 65* and his skipper Elliot Ketteringham 40 almost got them over the line.

But Ketteringham's dismissal to the penultimate ball of the day ended a thrilling contest with Jackson Darkes-Sutcliffe 1* unable to hit his only delivery out of the ground for victory.

Credit to former Ormskirk spinner Alex Mason 3-20 who held his nerve in the final over to deny the hosts the eight runs they needed to win.

Southport & Birkdale suffered a 126 run defeat at **Rainhill**.

The hosts were asked to bat and thanks to Northamptonshire's Luke Procter with an unbeaten century (100*inc 6x4 & 4x6) and Ross Higham with 53 were able to declare their innings on 240-7.

In reply, Will Affleck 26 top scored for S&B who were bowled out for 114, with Procter 4-39, Anuj Dal 3-23 and Qaiser Ashraf 3-44 doing all the damage with the ball.

'Burscough is always in my heart'

Dave Sutton to take on manager's role again at Linnets

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

A FAMILIAR face will be in charge at Burscough next season with former boss Dave Sutton to return to the role.

Sutton has previously been the Linnets manager during the 2017/18 season before standing down and being replaced by Terry Green, who arrived from Squires Gate.

When Green resigned from the position at the end of last season, it brought time for the board of directors to reconsider the position and Sutton was formally unveiled as manager at the club's AGM at the Briars Hall Hotel last week.

Sutton has a good basis to build on, he brought together most of the players who have established the Linnets fine footballing reputation over the last couple of years and he said that he intends to build on their good on field name.

He said: "Burscough is in my heart. I was with the club as a junior and without them I wouldn't have done what I have done in the game."

Dave Sutton

After Burscough, Sutton moved onto join Plymouth Argyle in 1973, later playing for Reading, Huddersfield Town, Bolton Wanderers and Rochdale accumulating over 450 first team appearances.

In his later years in the professional game he managed Rochdale from 1991 until 1994. Later he had a period as manager of Chorley.

The majority of the Linnets present team were brought to the club by Sutton, so he will be familiar with the squad. Sutton is now looking for new members of his coaching staff and anyone who feels that they can offer their services and help him develop the young team can express their interest by sending a CV to sharon @heskethservices.co.uk

Meanwhile, Skelmersdale United have a prestige friendly to start their pre-season programme when they will entertain Wigan Athletic Under 23s at the JMO Sports Park.

Skelmersdale have further games scheduled for the JMO, when Wakefield make the trip over from West Yorkshire on Saturday, July 20, then there is a local derby when Prescot Cables visit Skem on Tuesday, July 30.

Others will no doubt be added soon. Skelmersdale supporters planning holidays are reminded that the North-West Counties League season begins earlier than the Evo-Stik League, the first competitive games set for the first week in August.

Burscough have announced season ticket prices for next season - Adults £100, Concessions £70. Provided you buy your ticket soon, the prices run until August.

You can pay via cash / cheque or Bacs and make your arrangements by contacting secretary Steve Halliwell on Stephen.halliwell966@btinternet.com

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